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## KINGSTON HARBOR DESTROYED AND THE CITY IS SLIPPING INTO THE SEA

Great Tidal Wave Sweeps the Coast of Jamaica Inundating a Part of the City and Changing the Whole Coast Line--Great Fissures Opened in the Earth by the Severe Shaking.

Seismic Disturbances Which Have Continued Since Monday Have Ceased and the Work of Rescuing the Dead From Debris is Begun--Entire Force of Marine Corps, With Surgeons, Attendants With Available Supplies are Sent From the U. S. Naval Station at Guantanamo are Sent to Kingston to Assist in the Work of Relief.

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 18.—There has been a complete, and it is hoped, permanent cessation of seismic shocks which have continued since Monday. The weather continues fine and today Governor Swettenham called all able bodied white men to aid in the work of rescue or restoration. Early today a number of the most dangerous wrecks, from which all the injured and dead have been removed, were dynamited. Burial squads reported nearly five hundred bodies interred.

It is now certain that the list of Americans killed in the disaster will be much greater than was at first believed. Several bodies were buried yesterday and there are supposed to have been those of English people. So far, only eight Americans are reported missing to Swettenham, but no attempt has been made as yet to check up the



Map Showing Location of City Wrecked by Earthquake.

list of dead and missing. The Myrtle Bank hotel, a favorite resort for American tourists was completely razed and the debris has not yet been fully explored.

Details of soldiers are scouring the city for all food stuffs. These will be placed under guard and distributed equally among the victims of the disaster.

Kingston is still in danger of sinking into the sea. Measurements today show that the sea is steadily encroaching. The water has advanced several feet since yesterday and the entire shore line and harbor floor are altered. Great fissures, starting at the water's edge run back inland and are many feet deep. Several slight slides occurred along the shore today.



Map of Kingston and Vicinity.

stricken city last night and were fired upon by the provost guard. It is not believed, however, that any one was hurt, as the soldiers did not shoot to kill. The looters are hungry natives seeking food and they made no attempt to take valuables.

Havana, Jan. 18.—Private dispatches saying that a great section of the Kingston water front has slipped into the bay, are confirmed by a wireless from Admiral Evans flashed to the cruiser Colombia, here.

The message says a tidal wave yesterday changed the entire coast line of Jamaica leaving the entire south side of Kingston and the site of the old city Port Royal, under water. According to Evans' dispatch, Kingston harbor has been destroyed and the coast line is sinking.

Guantanamo, Cuba, Jan. 18.—The entire United States marine corps at the naval station here and all surgeons, attendants and medical supplies from the North Atlantic fleet have been sent to Kingston to assist in fighting a threatened outbreak of pestilence.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 18.—The tourists in Kingston escaped injury by the earthquake, according to information which comes to the Hamburg-American line, in a cable from Captain Norwood and the company's pilots, which were safe, were turned into a hospital. The company's boats which sail today and tomorrow, will take down a large amount of provisions, medical supplies, etc.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The navy department received the following dispatch from Rear Admiral Evans, from Guantanamo, Cuba, via Key West.

Rear Admiral Davis reports by wireless, relayed through the station at Colon, that the Missouri and Indiana anchored off Kingston, yesterday morning. Kingston is almost totally destroyed. Four hundred were killed and about 500 are in the hospitals. There are plenty of doctors but they are short of dressings and bandages. Have supplied all I could spare. The city is now quiet.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The following telegram was received at the navy department this afternoon from Evans, at Guantanamo, via Key West, wireless station:

"Pendleton reports at 2:20 a. m. from Kingston, that the Indiana, Missouri and Whipple are the only men-of-war there. Food and tents are needed. Davis was ashore conferring with the governor. Situation is quiet. The Cuban consul was killed, and his wife slightly injured. No other officials are known to be killed."

Holland Bay, Jan. 18.—An old volcano, seven miles from Somerset in the Blue mountains, which lie behind Kingston, is active again, according to a report from the interior. Rumbles can be heard in Somerset and smoke is said to be issuing from the crater, while at night a red glow can be seen on the clouds. The natives on sugar plantations are in terror.

St. Augustine, Fla., Jan. 18.—Wireless messages received at the station on Anastasia Island by Chief Electrician Elkins, say that Kingston is sinking gradually; that many holes and cracks one hundred feet deep were formed by the earthquake and that grave fears are felt that the entire city will slip into the bay.

Kingston, Jan. 18.—The disaster here is as great as the calamities of San Francisco and Valparaiso. Thousands of persons have been killed and the dead bodies are being taken from the debris by hundreds. The whole town is in ruins and the great portion is still smouldering ashes. The smell of burnt flesh pervades the air.

The cable line from Kingston is broken and the correspondent had to go to Holland Bay, 40 miles to the east, to file this message.

The earthquake came as a sudden oscillation, not from any particular direction, but up and down.

Thousands of persons were on the streets of Kingston at the time and great numbers of them were crushed.

Many Americans in Kingston were killed and have been buried. Realizing the possibility of famine, the people made attempts to loot. The military, however, at once took possession of the foodstuffs. Detachments of troops, with fixed bayonets, were placed on guard.

Kingston is threatened with a failure of the water supply, owing to the bursting of a reservoir.

The military suffered severely. The hospital camp, where there were several hundred soldiers, was burned and a number of the men lost their lives. Major W. H. Hardyman and Lieutenant Leader are dead. Col. J. R. M. Dalrymple Hay and Major Lawr.enson are seriously injured.

Part of the town of Port Royal has sunk and two men were drowned. The batteries sunk eight feet, killing a sapper. In several places the water is spouting through the debris.

Port Antonio, on the north of the island, suffered little damage. The Hotel Titchfield, with a hundred American guests, was not destroyed. A tidal wave has inundated Annotta bay, washing out man houses.

The shock was severe at Richmond, and this town also was destroyed by fire. Spaniards also was damaged. One man was killed and ten injured there.

It is reported that at Annotta bay the crater of an extinct volcano is emitting flames and smoke, and it is thought that the earthquake originated there. The records of Jamaica contain no previous mention of activity of this volcano.

London, Jan. 18.—The London Times this morning publishes the following account of the earthquake, cabled by John Henniker Heaton, M. P.

"After the opening ceremony of the conference, Sir Alex Swettenham invited ten of us to lunch at the Jamaica club, including Sir James Ferguson, who had arrived the previous day, and gave us an interesting account of the work on the Panama canal."

One hour afterward, Sir James was buried amid tons of brick and stone.

The first fear as to his fate was due to the fact that he did not return during the night to government house where he was staying and at 5 in the morning, Sir Alexander came on board the Kingston to inquire for his guest.

After lunch I left the club and went with a member of the council to

We climbed over the debris and returned to the club. It was in ruins. The roof had collapsed and the room where we dined was filled with tons of brick. A young fellow, hatless, coatless, with a handkerchief tied around his head, addressed me in the street outside for several minutes. At length something familiar struck me and I asked if he was Gerald Loder, for many years my friend and ex-member of the house of commons.

"He said, 'yes.' He was writing in the club when the roof fell, and was pinned to the floor by the roof, but by freeing himself from his coat he escaped onto the parapet and descended by a ladder to the street." The most awful sight was poor Mr. Brad, a member of the club, lying dead under the great fallen pillars.

STREET SCENE IN KINGSTON, JAMAICA.



East Street, Looking Toward the Water Front. This Section Was Completely Devastated by the Earthquake and Fire.

visit the postoffice. I was returning when the earthquake occurred. The street was a moderate sized one and the moment the ground began to quake thousands of people rushed and jumped into the street from the houses.

A huge building fell across the street in the yard before us, another building blocked the street behind us on our left, a third building fell. Then followed absolute darkness. Great clouds of dust and mortar from the debris filled the air for five minutes. When light was restored, my companion and I found ourselves black with dust and dirt, like negroes. It was a miraculous escape.

The scene that followed baffles description. Women were embracing children, others were on their knees praying loudly with intense feeling to God to have mercy and save them. Others were fainting.

That night we slept on the lawn of the hotel and during the hours between sunset and sunrise felt at least three shocks.

The blaze of the raging fire over the city was plainly visible. At dawn I got coffee and then drove in to Kingston, a distance of six miles. All along the road were encampments of families outside of their homes.

At least 96 out of every hundred houses were in ruins or damaged beyond repair. This I say from personal observation, yet nine-tenths of them were old and deserved destruction.

On arriving aboard our steamship, it was a great joy to find Sir Alfred Jones, notwithstanding his miraculous escape, giving orders clearly and forcibly to his secretary to meet the troubles by the erection of light shelters and arrangements for cooking for the poor people.

"EATS 'EM ALIVE!"



## RIVER TOWNS SUFFER GREATLY FROM FLOOD

Residents of Low Lying Sections are Driven From Their Homes and the Property Damage is Very Heavy--A Coal Famine Threatens to Add to the Suffering.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 18.—A heavy rain began falling this morning, which has increased the apprehension of a great flood at Cincinnati. There is every indication that the river stage will go beyond 60 feet.

It is now estimated that 10,000 people have been forced to move from their homes. In many places, the furniture is placed in the streets with no protection from the heavy rains. The streets in Fulton, Pendleton and Tusculum in the east end are under water. In the west end of the city several thousand people have vacated their homes.

There is danger of a coal famine. All coal companies on the river have water in the yards. Street-car traffic is broken in many places this morning, necessitating a transfer of passengers. The high water has endangered Mill Creek valley bridge at Carthage and it is feared it will be carried away.

Reports from throughout the Ohio valley tell of great damage by water. At Pomeroy, the business houses on Front street are under water and all railroad communication with the city are cut off. Entrances to coal mines on the lower levels are securely sealed to prevent flooding.

The lower part of Ironton is flooded and the people have fled to the high lands.

At Middleport the merchants and residents on the river front have been driven from the first floors of their buildings.

One half of the town of Point

Pleasant, West Virginia, is submerged and there is much suffering. At Madison, Indiana, the Pennsylvania tracks are flooded and the freight depot is inundated. The water continues rising at up river points.

Princeton, Ind., Jan. 18.—The White, Patoka and Wabash rivers still continue to rise. Two miles west of the city the stretch of flooded land extends a distance of 25 miles north, to Vincennes. In this stretch the property loss estimated is \$100,000. One thousand people are homeless and most stock is on the range of hills with but little to live on.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 18.—Owing to the heavy rains which have made traveling unsafe, not a single train left the city last night for the north or east and only one arrived. Several washouts have occurred and in many places the tracks are submerged.

Gallipolis, Jan. 18.—The first flood fatality in this section occurred at Point Pleasant today. Miss Mary Petty fell from her home in to the river and was drowned.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 18.—Shawneetown, this morning, appealed to the governor for help on account of the floods. The matter was referred to the adjutant general and 100 tents were sent there at once.

## NEW YORK LEGISLATORS FEAR PUBLIC SENTIMENT

District Attorney Jerome Endeavors to Elicit Assistance of Church People of the State in His Crusade Against Race Betting and Other Forms of Gambling.

New York, Jan. 18.—District Attorney Jerome told a committee of prominent clergymen at the Bible house yesterday that the best way for them to assist him in his effort to break up gambling and racing in this state was to get the assistance and backing of 100 churches to appoint representatives to take the fight to Albany. Mr. Jerome's talk was in response to an invitation from the national federation.

He gave a history of the Percy Gray racing law and a synopsis of the three new bills he sent to the legislature last week.

"If you are to help me and I am to help you in a fight against racing, we will find ourselves confronted with a mighty difficult proposition. We will have a queer set of men to deal with, first those who are back of the so-called gentlemen's sport and the members of legislature who sit year after year violating their oaths of office. The hardest fight will be against the money that will be used to destroy our efforts. I have no doubt that the use of money is responsible for the action of the public

servants at Albany, who allow the scandalous conditions to exist.

"My three bills will soon be taken before the code committee for a hearing, and we must put the question, 'Will you obey the law or not?' We must waive the moral lines as to whether racing is a crime or not, and must confront them with the question as to whether they will keep faith with their vows."

"There is no way to deal with the legislature but to drive them, for they fear the public sentiment. They can be driven like sheep if we go at them right, and let me assure you that they are dead scared of a minister."

Dr. Frank Mason Worth, who presided, appointed a committee of five to commence at once the work of communicating with the churches of the state. A resolution was adopted pledging the support of the committee to the Jerome bills and ordering the interest of the state church body to be enlisted.

RUSSIA IS BEING SHAKEN.  
St Petersburg, Jan 18  
Two severe earthquake shocks were felt at 5 o'clock this morning at Kuba, in the government of Baku.

## JOHNSON FILES DEMURRER TO THE INDICTMENT

Columbus, O., Jan. 18.—John W. Johnson, state supervisor of public printing who was recently indicted for attempting to corruptly influence the Circuit court to decide in his favor, after the suit filed by Mark Slater, the former state printer, by writing "E. L. Ryan" letter, this morning, in criminal court, filed a demurrer to the indictment alleging four technical grounds. Arguments on the demurrer will probably be made Saturday.

## ARE EATING CHILDREN

Human Flesh is Being Sold to the Starving Chinese in the Famine Districts.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 18.—Further advices from Shanghai tell of increasing horrors of the great famine in central China. The correspondent of the Echo de China says that in the districts of Sincow and Pachow, the starving people are eating their children. Plant and grass, which furnished food for many, has disappeared and there are not even roots to eat. The correspondent of a Shanghai paper says in the absence of ordinary food, he has found that human flesh is actually being sold.